

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention concerns connection means comprising a fitting (1) delimiting an inner channel (3) whereof one end section (7) has an orifice for inserting (6) an end piece (8) and provided with means for tightly retaining therein the end piece, said means including an annular sealing element (11) which axially compressible and which is mounted in the fitting to provide a surface acting as support for an end surface of the end piece and an annular retaining element (18) which is radially and elastically deformable which is received in an inner groove (21) of the end section to present a circumferential part projecting through an opening of the inner groove (21) to be received in an outer groove (24) of the end piece, the inner groove including on the side of the end section opening a concave truncated flank (22) forming a choking means for the retaining element, and on the side opposite the opening a convex truncated flank (23) which is spaced apart from the concave truncated flank by a distance such that the retaining element is received with clearance in the inner groove, and the end surface of the end piece and the outer groove thereof being separated by a distance slightly greater than that separating the sealing element surface and the opening of the fitting inner groove.